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## End of Hunt For Scientist Jolts Friends

Colleagues of Dr. Richard H. Follis Jr., the Washington pathologist who disappeared in Holland 10 days ago, say, they are surprised to hear that Dutch police have called off the search for him.

Follis, chief of the nutritional pathology branch of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, stopped off at Amsterdam Dec. 3 en route to a medical conference at Tehran, Iran. Two days later he failed to return to his hotel.

The Associated Press yesterday said Amsterdam police officials announced that the intensive search for the missing scientist was being abandoned. Several of the canals that criss-cross Amsterdam have been dragged but no trace of the 56-year-old Washingtonian found.

Follis, an internationally-recognized authority on thyroid deficiency and nutrition, planned to confer with a Dutch scientist, Prof. Andreas Querido, in Amsterdam Dec. 6. When he did not show up for the appointment, Prof. Querido contacted police.

Dr. Arnold E. Schaefer, the NIH section chief, said another NIH consultant, Dr. Lawrence Hirsch, who was assigned to a project in Turkey, was sent to Amsterdam last week to assist in the investigation.

Schaefer and other medical associates of the missing scientist said they found it difficult to believe that the search was being canceled.

Follis' home here is at 4915 Albemarle St. NW. His wife, Edith, said she does not believe in the Netherlands police theory that her husband drowned.

A family friend and physician said: "I'm surprised to hear they have called it off so soon. I am deeply disturbed at this turn of events, unless the Amsterdam police are privy to information that we are not."